4000 to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs for advice in the month of February, 1993;

(b) whether ICAR has reflected the judgement given by the Central Administrative Tribunal on 15th February, 1991 in case No. 511/90 which was also upheld by a three judge bench of the Supreme Court directing the ICAR to count the S-Grade and equivalent service for computing the total length of service for promotion of these categories of Scientists;

(c) if not, whether the Ministry have asked ICAR to supply the Court orders mentioned above;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and whether the said judgement has been supplied by the ICAR; and

(e) whether the Ministry of Law Justice and Company Affairs would be in a position to give it advice correctly in absence of a proper and complete reference of the case from ICAR; and if not, whether it propose to return the case back to ICAR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, but the judgement given by the CAT on 15.2.1991 in case No. 511/90 which was also upheld by a three judge bench of the Supreme Court, relates to the relevance of the service rendered in the 'S' grade of ARS or equivalent grades for computing the total length of service for the purposes of placement/promotion in the UGC pay package adoted by the ICAR, vide their notification dated 9.3.89.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise, as the ICAR made a proper and complete reference and the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs have already returned the file for getting the views of the Department of Personnel and Training.

Supply of certified seeds to farmers of Madhya Pradesh

2158. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers in the State of Madhya Pradesh have recently been provided with certified seeds for the Rabi season by some Governmental agencies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any charges were made from the farmers for the certified seeds;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action was taken by Government to provide certified seeds to those farmers who could not pay the charges for such seeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) Information is being collected from the State Government.

Poor quality of Sunflower Seed

2159. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor seed quality of sunflower has affected the crop very badly in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government plan to initiate any penal action against the seed suppliers under the Seeds Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Claims disbursed under Crop insurance Scheme

2160. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the claims disbursed during the last three years say upto January, 1993 under the Crop Insurance Scheme in States of Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(b) the number of farmers actually benefited under this scheme in the two States during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The State Government of Rajasthan did not implement the Crop Insurance Scheme in the last three years.

The claim disbursed and number of farmers benefited under this scheme in Orissa during the last three years, is as under:—

Rs. in lakh

	Claims paid	Farmers benefited
1990-91	279.91	60624
1991-92	75.94	18484
1992-93	..	..

Data for 1992-93 is not yet available, as the cut off dates for sending yield data to General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) by the State Governments are 31st July 1993, for Kharif and Rabi Seasons respectively.

Starvation Deaths

2161. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article captioned "matter of coincidence—starvation is common in tribal areas" in the Sunday Weekly of 24-30 January, 1993 saying that starvation is not a sole privilege of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput of India.

(b) if so, which other tribal pockets including those in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura have been identified as starvation prone; and

(c) what special steps, if any have been taken by the Central Government to ensure that no further starvation and malnutrition deaths take place in these areas?